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Retention facts and figures (the Census time capsule)

- A total of 11,256,886 people, or more than half the people recorded in last year's Census of Population and Housing, chose to have their name-identified Census information stored by the National Archives of Australia.
- This question was first asked in 2001, and the participation rate then was 52.7%. For 2006 the participation rate was 56.1%.
- The time capsule comprises microfilm copies of the census information provided by the people who chose to be included in the project. It will be securely stored by the National Archives of Australia and opened to the public in the year 2105.
- Participation rates were similar for most age groups, with the highest being for persons aged 65–69 with 59.3%, and the lowest being for those under five years of age (49.6%) and those over 84 years of age (49.0%).
- The participation rate for people included in the eCensus was 67.4% while people included on paper forms had a participation rate of 57.5%.
- Over half (55.0%) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people agreed to take part.
- The rate of agreement increased steadily with income level, ranging up to 68.8% for those earning \$2000 or more per week.
- People born in England (66.8%), Scotland (66.5%), India (65.0%) and Australia (60.2%) were most likely to participate. People born in Viet Nam (46.4%), China (46.3%) and Greece (46.0%) had the lowest rate of participation.

Source: ABS 2006 Census.

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